



Mayor Eric Hogue

Budget Meets Short and Long Term Demands of City

One of the most important roles of the Mayor and the City Council is to discuss, debate, and determine the city's budget each year. It is always a challenge to review all of the needs of our departments to successfully run this community.

Thankfully our City Manager, our Finance team and our Department heads work

each year to bring the council a proposed budget for each department so we can ask questions, suggest ideas and gather feedback on the items needed to meet their departmental needs.

As you know, Wylie has a high tax rate. This is due in part to the bond that was passed in 2005 to build our new city hall, recreation center, library, fire station three, improvements to Founders and Community Parks, and improvements to FM 1378 (Country Club), East Brown, West Brown and other city streets. While we are seeing these projects come to a completion, we still have to pay for them. As a growing community, we

also continue to have new needs to meet the demands of our citizens. Over the last two years, we have focused on personnel and growth in our new library, recreation center and parks; bond packages do not include personnel costs.

While we want to provide all of the various services that our citizens have come to expect, and reward our staff for a job well done, we also have the overall goal to lower taxes within our community. Over the last three years, we have

been able to hold the tax rate at the same level, even though the 2005 bond package presented a higher rate when passed. We were able to find ways to not raise the taxes. I am very pleased to announce that in this coming budget year, we are lowering taxes by one cent per \$100 of ad

valorem tax. While this is not a huge decrease, it sets us on the road to begin lowering our taxes as the economy begins to slowly turn around.

This year our focus was more on public safety. We are currently remodeling the old city hall ...continued on back

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Tuesday, October 2
Olde City Park
6 pm - 8 pm

Police/Fire Displays • Helicopter Landing
Hot Dogs, Drinks & Cotton Candy • Bounce Houses
Petting Zoo • Pony Rides • Face Painting

The Wylie Police Department wants to hear about your National Night Out event or neighborhood activity. To register as a National Night Out participant, or schedule a visit from Wylie Police or Wylie Fire Rescue, please contact Officer Angie Willis, angie.willis@wylietexas.gov.



Celebrate as a Community,
Return Home,
Turn Your Porch Light On,
Meet Your Neighbors



...continued from front to improve the facility for our Police Department, Fire Administration and Municipal Court departments. With this new budget year, we will be adding a fence, gates and carports around the building to secure our public safety vehicles. We are also addressing some of the long needed tools for our Police Department, such as tasers, and the introduction of a narcotics unit, as we continue to see growth in our population.

Additionally, we were able to provide our staff with a much needed salary increase based on their years of service. This is the first time in four years our staff has received a salary increase. During these tough economic times, the city staff has continued to serve our community with unwavering dedication and commitment, so this increase is long overdue.

Thank you all for your continual support of our community, our city staff and our city council. Your Mayor, Eric Hogue.

Doors Open to Wylie's New Service Center



The City of Wylie is pleased to announce the grand opening of the new Public Works Service Center located at 949 Hensley Lane. Mayor Eric Hogue, the Wylie City Council, the City Manager's Office, Public Works employees, Pulliam Construction and project contractors officially opened the building with a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, September 4.

"Due to the high population growth of more than 179% over the last decade, Public Works and Parks were in need of additional space to meet the increased service demands," said Mayor Eric Hogue. "The new center enables us to continue to provide the high levels of service citizens have become accustomed to now and into the future."

The new 18,222 sq. ft. Public Works facility will support more than 30 employees in the Water, Wastewater, Street and Utility divisions. In addition to office space, the building features a large multipurpose lunch room and training space, locker room, shower stalls, and five large bays for vehicle storage and maintenance. The Service Center yard provides additional parking, a truck wash bay and seven outdoor raw material storage bins. A landscaped berm aesthetically screens the new facility from Founders Park.

The completion of the project enables the Parks Department to move from their temporary location on FM 544 into the space previously occupied by the Public Works Department. In addition to the Public Works building, a 3,000 sq. ft. storage building and shop was constructed for use by the Parks Department. The old Public Works building and Animal Shelter were painted to match the new Public Works facility.

Fun & Learning

Rita & Truett Smith Public Library
300 Country Club Road, Building 300
972-516-6250
www.WylieTexas.gov/library

Hours:	Mon., Tue. & Thur.	Noon - 8 pm
	Wednesday	9 am - 6 pm
	Friday	11 am - 5 pm
	Saturday	9 am - 4 pm
	Sunday	Closed

All Events Are Free and Open to the Public

Storytime Days, Times and Ages

Books & Babies (ages 0-1); Fridays, 11 am; 20 minutes long

Toddler Time (ages 1-2); Wednesdays, 9 am & 9:45 am, Fridays 11:30 am

Big Kids (ages 3-5); Wednesdays 10:30 am & 11:15 am; Thursdays, 1:30 pm; 30 minutes long

Family Storytime (all ages); Tuesdays, 6:30 pm; 30 minutes long

Week of September 24 - Arboles in Autumn

Week of October 1 - T-Rex Time

Week of October 8 - Fire Fandango

Week of October 15 - Yes, Your Majesty

Week of October 22 - Button Bonanza

Week of October 29 - Big Pumpkin

Teen Writer's Workshop, September 24, 25 & 27, 5 pm

6th - 12th graders are invited to join author Rosemary Clement-Moore for a Banned Books Week Teen Writer's Workshop.

Booked on Fridays, October 12, Noon - 1:30 pm

Bring your lunch the second Friday of each month for fun reads and light conversation. This month: *Ghostgirl* by Tonya Hurley.

Fourth Monday Book Club, 6:30 pm, Adults 18 and up

September 24 - Play reading of *The Importance of Being Ernest* by Oscar Wilde. Call 972-516-6265 to obtain a copy of the play.

October 22 - *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand.

Wagging Tales, Tuesdays, 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

Practice reading aloud to Abby the Collie. Tickets are required and will be distributed on a first come basis the evening of the program.

BeTween Book & Movie Club, 6 pm

4th and 5th graders are invited to talk about books and movies. The first 25 kids to sign up receive a free copy of the book.

September 27 - *Charlie and Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl.

October 25 - *The Spiderwick Chronicles*

My Very Own Book Club, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

1st, 2nd and 3rd graders are invited to talk about books and make a craft. The first 20 kids to sign up receive a free copy of the book.

October 17 - *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs* by John Scieszka.

Pumpkin Carving, September 27, 6:30 pm, Adults 18 and up

Learn to carve and decorate your own pumpkin with Central Market of Plano. Registration is required; Space is limited.